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To: Great Basin Wildland Fire Trainees, Fire Training Officers, Agency Administrators, Fire Management Officers, Great Basin Dispatch Centers, and Incident Commanders

From: Chair, Great Basin Coordinating Group

Subject: 2020 Great Basin Priority Trainee Program Nomination Form

The 2020 Great Basin Priority Trainee Nomination Form is now available. The nomination form can be accessed on the Great Basin Priority Trainee Program (GBPTP) website found at [Great Basin Priority Trainee Program](#). Program details and roles and responsibilities for trainees, Incident Management Teams and Incident Training Specialists as well as frequently asked questions can also be found on the website.

A link to the GBPTP page is located on the Great Basin Coordination Center's "Overhead" page. Training Officers, Fire Managers and anyone interested in participating in the priority trainee program should visit this site to review the process to participate in the priority trainee program.

Periodic updates on nominations received will be posted on the site so applicants can ensure their submission has been received. Local training officers and fire managers can monitor submissions of their personnel. As a reminder, all applicants must have supervisor approval and work through their local training officer to participate in the program.

Positions included in the GBPTP include:

- Incident Commander Type 1-3
- All Command Staff positions including Information Officer, Safety Officer, Liaison Officer and Human Resource Specialist
- All Logistics Section positions
- All Finance Section positions including Incident Business Advisors and Buying Team Members
- All Planning Section positions
- Operations Section positions Task Force Leader and above

- Air Operations positions Helibase Manager and Single Engine Air Tanker Manager and above
- All Dispatch positions
- Trainees assigned to Incident Management Teams may participate in the GBPTP.

Nomination forms must be completed no later than **April 1, 2020**. The Great Basin Training Committee will have priorities set by May 8, 2020 and a list will be posted and maintained at [Great Basin Priority Trainee Program](#).

Additional guidance about how trainees should status themselves to participate in the GBPTP and duty officer contacts will be issued prior to May 8.

The intent of the GBPTP is to facilitate the mobilization of Great Basin trainees for quality assignments to support position task book completion. The desired end result will be to continue to support the nation with high quality, professional Incident Management Teams into the future. Since the program was piloted in 2013, hundreds of Great Basin priority trainees have been mobilized to incidents within and outside of the geographic area resulting in the certification of hundreds of position task books.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your zone training representative on the Great Basin Training Committee.

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Great Basin Coordinating Group Chair